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LETTER DATED 28 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement dated 24 October 1992 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation in connection with the events in Tajikistan.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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the Russian Federation to
the United Nations

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Annex

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENTS IN TAJIKISTAN

24 October 1992

Recent events in Tajikistan and the intensifying military confrontation in that republic are causing deep concern in the Russian Federation. There remains a real threat of further escalation of the conflict and expansion of the civil war. This could have catastrophic consequences for the territorial integrity of Tajikistan and the security of the whole Central Asian region. A subject of particular concern to the leadership of the Russian Federation is the fate of the Russian nationals and Russian-speaking population in Tajikistan. In these extremely complex circumstances, the command of the Russian troops in Tajikistan, which continue to maintain their neutrality, has been given instructions to increase the protection of vitally important installations, military camps and homes where the families of members of the military are living. Cooperation is being extended to ensure the security of the personnel of a number of diplomatic missions in Dushanbe.

The Russian leadership calls on all the opposing groups to put an immediate end to the bloodshed and the fratricidal civil war. Political dialogue must be initiated with a view to restoring law and order, peace and national concord.

Guided by the traditional feelings of friendship between the peoples of the Russian Federation and Tajikistan, we call on the Commonwealth of Independent States, the United Nations and other international organizations actively to promote the normalization of the situation in Tajikistan. It is important that the efforts of all States, particularly Tajikistan's neighbours, be directed towards extinguishing the conflict rather than inflaming it.